

I was very disturbed  
to read about  
Sinclair  
Broadcasting's  
decision to force  
their stations to  
air an anti-Kerry  
documentary days  
before the 2004  
presidential  
election. I believe  
that this is an  
unfair use of public  
airwaves. Sinclair's  
tactics are a clear  
example of the  
dangers of media  
consolidation.

Because Sinclair  
uses the public  
airwaves free of  
charge, and is  
obligated by law to  
serve the public  
interest, their  
airing of this  
documentary is an  
abuse of power. When  
large companies  
control the  
airwaves, viewers  
like me get more of  
what's good for the  
bottom line and less  
of what I need to  
better understand  
current issues  
effecting our  
country. Instead of  
something produced  
far away, I would  
much prefer to see  
real people from my  
own community and  
more substantive  
news about issues  
that matter locally  
and regionally.

Sinclair's actions  
are a further  
example of why we  
need to strengthen  
media ownership  
rules, not weaken  
them. They also show

why the license  
renewal process  
needs to involve  
more than a returned  
postcard. Thank you  
very much for your  
time.